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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 12, Line 5, change "a min" to --σ_{min}--.

Column 12, Line 22, after "using" insert --a--.

Column 12, Line 27, change "r=$\sigma/\Delta g$<r min" to --r= $\sigma/\Delta g$<r_{min}--.

Column 12 , Line 51, after "using" insert --a- --.

Column 12, Line 53, change "a" to --the--.

Column 13, Line 4, change "In" to --in--.

Column 13, Line 8, change "Into" to --into--.

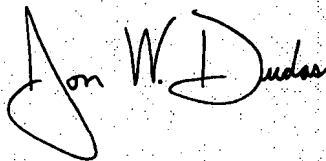Column 13, Line 22, change "Image" to --image--.

Column 14, Line 15, change "Joint" to --joint--.

Column 14, Line 29, change "binarizatiod" to --binarization--.

Column 14, Line 30, change "judqed" to --judged--.

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